

7 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 2 April 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Harr, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Gerard Smith(State),
Mr. James Smith(ICA), Mr. Sprague, Mr. Strauss,
Mr. Staats

1. Availability of Small Commercial Aircraft for
Underdeveloped Areas

The group discussed possible actions which the U. S. could carry out to assure that there are available in underdeveloped countries suitable types of aircraft to replace the DC-3. It was emphasized that an essential factor in determining what should be done is the existence of an adequate market analysis. This should include the present and anticipated volume of traffic, routes within the country, and the financial capability of the particular companies or countries involved. The Executive Officer undertook to request the Department of Commerce or the Civil Aeronautics Board to supply this information to the Working Group on U. S. Civil Aviation Policy Toward the Sino-Soviet Bloc. It was the sense of the Board that the Working Group should submit a special report by May 15.

It was recognized, however, that the attainment of the objective of providing substitute aircraft involves important considerations other than U. S. judgment as to suitability or adequacy of particular types. These considerations include acceptability of available aircraft to a particular company or country, and the capability of utilizing such equipment for internal military support purposes.

NSC review(s) completed.

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It was agreed that the special report should include, in addition to recommended actions, a statement of financial implications for the U. S. Government and an assessment of any adjustments which might be required in other programs.

2. Possible U.S. Actions in Connection with the Soviet Announcement Regarding Suspension of Nuclear Testing

The recent Soviet announcement of suspension of nuclear tests was discussed at some length. It was agreed that the OCB Disarmament Information Committee should continue its task of finding ways to make the U. S. position more understandable in foreign countries, and specifically to consider possibilities for further action on the part of this country.

3. International Air Show at Liege

The group then went into the implications of a recent invitation for the U. S. to participate in an International Air Show scheduled for June 27-29 at Liege, Belgium. It was pointed out that since this city is only about 60 miles from Brussels, where the International Exhibition will be in full swing at that time, it is desirable to avoid any action which might indicate that U. S. participation is in any way linked with the Exhibition. With this caveat, the Board indicated no objection to accepting the invitation. It was agreed that guided missiles should not be exhibited by the U. S. at the Air Show.



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